में लाये जाने वाले मानकीकृत ऋण आवेदन पत्रों को और सरल बना दिया गया है।

Pending cases with department of customs

974. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI ANANTRARY DEV-SHANKER DAVE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether number of cases art pending in the Customs Deptt, or with adjudicators regarding reward; to the informers who gave information of seized contraband goods including gold, silver etc., if so; the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any time stipulation for rewarding informer;

(c) whether it is a fact that the information mechanism get frustrated due to delay in giving rewards;

(d) what are the details about the number of pending cases awaiting reward decision in Delhi;

(e) whether Government would instruct the time limits for rewards against the seized contraband to promote anti-smuggling actions; and

(f) what is the number of awards given against contraband seizure during last three years and details of the persons awarded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid ou tbe Table of the House.

Duty on paper

975. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether input cost *oi* the exclusive/independent paper coating unit is higher by 16% to 20% than the integrated paper mills, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the total value addition at paper coating stage made from base paper is 40% to 60% and duty at 20 % on the value addition made by exclusive/independent paper coating unit is always higher as compared to duty payable by the integrated paper mills, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether by way of Centr? sales tax and other taxes on purchase of base paper inputs the value addition goes up which integrated paper mill do not pay; and

(d) if so, the details and adverse effect on exclusive/independent paper coating unit compared to bigger integrated paper mills in terms of cost of production and their comparative capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) The quantification of additional input costs for exclusive/ independent paper coating units would depend on many factors like the nature and quantity of base paper, the nature and quantity oi other inputs used, the amounts of Central, State and Local taxes applicable, location of the unit concerned, marketing pattern etc. In view of these variable factors it is not possible to state precisely the input cost of exclusive/independent paper coating units vis-a-vis integrated paper mills.

(b) For the reasons stated above it is not possible to state precisely the extent of value addition at paper coating stage. The duty payable by